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FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 1920.

## LOCAL AND OTHERWISE.

They are making gardens.

Jesse Bell went to Fort Lewis Tuesday.

A. D. Rogers has gone to Largo for a few days.

Mrs. J. C. Dudson is visiting in Durango this week.

Highest cash prices paid for wheat or corn at the Aztec mill.

W. H. Amiot and wife were in town from the San Juan this week.

D. B. Hammond and Mrs. N. W. Hammond of Durango visited friends in Aztec this week.

Attend the meeting of the Board of Immigration tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at 4 o'clock. All are invited.

Blaydes are rapidly gaining in popularity and numbers in San Juan county. The roads have been better than usual this spring.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Laegre were in Aztec a short time Monday, returning to Farmington from a visit to Durango.

George Leeper has been busy this week putting the finishing coats of plaster on the interior of Jno. A. Koon's building.

Insure your property against loss by fire in the leading companies of the world. Call on or write, The Local Security Co., Durango, Colo.

Mrs. J. G. Coburn of Flora Vista started for Montrose, Colorado, the first of the week, where she will visit several weeks with her son and daughter.

Sam Walton, the Bloomfield ferryman, was in town Tuesday. Samuel says that nowadays he is "waiting, only waiting," for the San Juan to come up.

Note the new advertisement of Frank Baker & Co., proprietors of the Arcade saloon. It is a well-flattering establishment and is doing a flattering business.

Prof. Baker, the botanist, accompanied by a colored servant, is camped near Aztec, and will remain in the country some time engaged in botanical research.

John Morrison returned last week from the mountains, where he placed his cattle on the range, and will cultivate his ranch in this valley the coming season.

Burr Millison will leave in a few days for Rockwood, Colorado, to take care of several bunches of cattle during the summer for our stockmen. His wife accompanies him.

Joe Pendleton has opened a barber shop here and his card appears in this issue. He administers gas, chloroform or ether to his—ah, victims, just as they prefer. Your patronage is solicited.

A. D. Rogers, the "Home Comfort" salesman, trotted out his thoroughbred male team and took a cargo of excruciations across the river to the ruins Sunday. "Agua! Agua!" is all right, all the time.

A great many of our citizens and property owners are putting out shade and ornamental trees this spring. They are beautifying the appearance of the town and adding directly to the value of their own property. If the custom would only become universal!

J. W. Buckmaster, formerly of Tucson, Arizona, now of Durango, and J. B. Buckmaster, of Fort Scott, Kansas, are among the sight-seers in the county this week. They returned to Durango via the La Plata, where they visited with Johnny Pond, an old time friend.

C. H. McHenry brought up some twigs from his orchard down the valley the other day. Apricots and peaches were in bloom, apples and pears were almost there and even the quinces were on the road. The prospects for a good peach crop are very fair, after all.

We have discovered a sure panacea for all the ills the flesh is heir to. Use "Horsehoe" or "Pride of America" flour made by the Durango Milling & Elevator Co., and you will find your digestion improved; it brightens the eye, sweetens the breath, cures "that tight feeling" and prevents the pants from bagging at the knees.

A surprise party was tendered the two sisters at the Shelmhamer home in Flora Vista Saturday night—Mrs. Emma McQuary and Miss Alice Shelmhamer—on the eve of their departure, the former to California and the latter to Pagosa Springs for the summer. Their friends to a large number gathered and all enjoyed the evening in games and other amusements.

Prof. C. A. Kaffer, of Mesilla Park, arrived last evening for the purpose of making on behalf of the government an investigation of the equipment, accomplishment and possibilities of the experimental station at Aztec. Prof. Kaffer is an expert in the knowledge of scientific agriculture and methods, and came direct from the agricultural department at Washington to New Mexico some weeks ago.

Already the tide of immigration is setting in. Teams come in every day now with people making inquiries as to the prospects of the country and the price of land. They know the cheapest way to get good fruit land is to come to San Juan county where ditches are already in operation and avoid the delays that will be necessary to settlement on the life reservation, rich and alluring though it is.

## THE COUNTY'S CONDITION.

(Continued from First Page.)

J. E. Marshburn, tax 1919, marked, "abated by Co. Coms. \$3.66." No authority found on commissioners' report. This also was in the handwriting of McKee. W. P. Gilliam's tax schedule 1919, marked by McKee "red. \$75," for which we could find no authority.

First National Bank, Durango, 1919 schedule was reduced by McKee about \$1000, for which we find no authority.

Mrs. J. B. Hampton's tax schedule of 1919 was changed by McKee and we find no authority for the change. She was first assessed on 90 acres of land at \$3 per acre but in extending the assessment made an error making amount \$220. This McKee reduced the assessment to \$0 per acre and finally after the matter was put upon the tax roll there were two householders' exemptions allowed. See Commissioners' Journal, page 323 and 408.

We could go on and fill pages with accounts of changes in taxes but deem this sufficient for this report.

## FRUIT TREE EXEMPTIONS.

In 1919 at the meeting of the Commissioners in July (Comers. Jour., page 331) an order was made as follows: "Complaint having been made by the taxpayers of the county that the assessment on land in excess, the Board ordered that the assessment on all lands as it stands revised by said Board be reduced 20 per cent." Our purpose in calling attention to this order is to show that all fruit tree exemptions were erroneously made for that year as the reduction of 20 per cent was made from the gross amount of land and not the net amount after deducting fruit tree exemptions, which virtually made a reduction on each acre of fruit trees of one hundred and twenty (\$120) dollars instead of one hundred (\$100) dollars as allowed by law.

## CONCLUSION.

Treasurer Fields' accounts were very well kept and with the exception of some clerical errors were found correct, and in checking his accounts he rendered us all assistance which he could and was courteous and obliging to us.

The errors noted in Collector Brown's account seem to have occurred from his lack of experience in keeping accounts and having to depend upon some one else to do the clerical part of his work. He cheerfully rendered us all the assistance he could in checking his accounts and was courteous and obliging.

The errors noted in Collector Brown's account seem to have occurred from lack of experience in keeping accounts and nothing would indicate a desire to falsify his books.

Ex-Clerk McKee has failed to keep any warrant account, expense account or other accounts to indicate the condition of the county's finances. It is true he has made some charges and some credits in the "Clerk's Ledger" but in many instances, in fact all, accounts kept with ex-Clerk McKee are unbalanced. Taking the "ledger" as it was left by Clerk McKee and it would show both Collector Brown and Treasurer Fields as charged with a great deal and credited with very little, in fact would indicate that they were each heavily in debt to the county, which you will see by statements we submit to be untrue, as their accounts excepting a few clerical errors, are balanced.

The commissioners for the past four years have been remiss in their duties, an instance of which was their failure to check up the accounts of the officers. As an instance, in checking McKee's Fields' accounts, he turned over to us interest coupons which he paid in 1916 and which the commissioners had not cancelled nor checked with the accounts which he had rendered from time to time.

With the exception of making up an expense account and balancing the tax rolls of the county, this completes our examination.

Your committee desires to thank Treasurer McKee and Clerk Safford for courtesies extended, as also your Honorable Board.

Respectfully submitted,

JOE PENNITT,  
E. D. SHARP,  
Committee.

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